

# **Zone Tool** Pneumonia

### **Every Day:**

- ✓ Take your medicine exactly as it is ordered
- ✓ Balance activity and rest periods
- ✓ Drink plenty of water, unless ordered otherwise
- ✓ Coughing helps to clear your airways. Take a couple of deep breaths 2-3 times every hour. Deep breaths help to open up your lungs.

#### All Clear Zone...... This is the safety zone if you have:

- Easy breathing
- No fever
- No coughing, wheezing/chest tightness or shortness of breath during the day or night
- No decrease in activity level; able to maintain normal activity level

# Warning Zone ...... Call your doctor if you have:

- Sputum (phlegm) that increases in amount or changes in color or becomes thicker than usual
- Increased coughing or wheezing
- Increased shortness of breath with activity
- Fever of 100.5 F oral or 99.5 F under the arm
- Increased number of pillows or needing to sleep sitting up

## Medical Alert Zone .... Go to the Emergency Room or call 911 if you have:

- Unrelieved shortness of breath
- Change in the color of your skin, nails or lips to gray or blue
- Unrelieved chest pain
- Increased or irregular heart beat

- **Remember:** ✓ Take all of the antibiotics you were given even if you feel better
  - ✓ Keep your doctor appointments
  - ✓ Take all the medications you are taking to your doctor appointments
  - ✓ Ask your doctor about getting a pneumonia vaccine
  - ✓ Get a flu shot every year



